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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rule 1.56 and MPEP Section 2001.06(a), References AA and AL-AO (Sheet 1 of 2) listed on Form PTO-1449, are cited in the International Search Report for corresponding International Application PCT/EP2004/007171 and are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly material to examination of the subject U.S. Patent Application.

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References AL, AM and AO (Sheet 1 of 2) are cited and discussed on Page 2 of the Substitute Specification.

Applicants received a copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905 and note that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received and thus the National Stage file contains a copy of the International Search Report. Applicants understand that pursuant to MPEP 1893.03(g), the Examiner will consider the references cited in the International Search Report, without any further action by Applicants under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

The remaining references listed on Form PTO-1449 are also brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly material to examination of this U.S. Patent Application.

Swiss Patent Reference 364703 discloses a sliding protection element for a vehicle pneumatic tire, with a receiver mounted within a sleeve.

Swiss Patent Reference 448 776 discloses a spike for vehicle tires, having a wedge element slidably mounted within a receiver opening.

Austrian Patent Reference 262083 discloses a sliding protection lug for vehicle tires, having a stud element mounted within a receiver of a cap body.

German Patent Reference 6919099 discloses a part that can be protected by mounting a spike with a round foot within material that surrounds the round foot.

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German Patent Reference 25 12 071 discloses a three-piece anti-skid spike having a body element, which has a head flange and in whose outward oriented free end a hard alloy spike is seated, and a blocking ring which is loosely looped around the body element, is fastened in the tire tread rubber, and has an exterior diameter greater than the exterior diameter of the head flange.

German Patent Reference 691 26 448 T2 discloses an anti-skid spike having material on the circumferential surface which has been hardened and which has a comparatively large diameter, and in case of a lateral load because of acceleration, braking or movement through a curve, this anti-skid tilts and because of this engages the pavement with the outer edge of its contact face.

Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) is enclosed with a copy of each and every non-U.S. Patent reference cited on Form PTO-1449.

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